

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated August 7, 2006. Claims 1 to 19, 21 to 23, 26, 28 and 30 are in the application, with Claims 1, 21, 23, 26, 28 and 30 being independent. Claims 24, 25, 29 and 31 to 35 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1, 3, 21, 23, 26, 28 and 30 have been amended herein. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claims 1 to 19, 21 to 26 and 28 to 35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,636,329 (Koppich) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,710,884 (Dedrick). Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

Amended independent Claim 1 is directed to a method of determining a configuration profile for an electronic document processing peripheral, the configuration profile representing a set of configuration parameters defining an operating mode of the peripheral, a set of fixed values of the parameters defining a particular configuration of the peripheral. The method comprises the steps of: obtaining (504) a user identification data item from a request sent by a client station operated by said user; determining (506) user characteristics as a function of the user identification data item; determining, (508) as a function of the user characteristics, a configuration profile applicable for configuring the operating mode of the peripheral for a document processing request coming from said user; and sending (516) the configuration profile determined to the client station operated by said user.

In contrast, Koppich discloses that each end-user is associated with a set-top-box and at least one printer. A user executes a process at a remote Internet-based site and requests a print job. This remote site transmits the print job to a printer connected

to the end-user's set-top-box. A local entity on the set-top-box stores a directory of user profiles, including user identification and user preferences and blocking filters. By using this entity, a print job initiated by a remote process can be discarded if it does not meet the pre-specified filtering criteria authorizing the printing. On the contrary, the print job is executed on the client printer when it meets such criteria.

Furthermore, Dedrick discloses a method and an apparatus for storing and updating electronic information in a personal profile server for an individual user. According to this method, the advertisements sent to users are customized according to a personal profile. This customization takes place on a content adapter (25), i.e. in the network, depending on information of the personal profile of the user stored in a personal profile database (27) (Please see Dedrick, col 5, lines 39 to 66). The personal profile concerns, for example, the color of fields or objects that are selected most frequently by the end user.

However, Koppich and Dedrick, either alone or in combination, fail to disclose or suggest at least the features of obtaining a user identification data item from a request sent by a client station operated by said user, then determining user characteristics as a function of the user identification data item and determining, as a function of the user characteristics, a configuration profile applicable for configuring the operating mode of the peripheral for a document processing request coming from said user and sending the configuration profile determined to the client station operated by the user.

In accordance with these features of Claim 1, the user identification data item recited in Claim 1 is obtained following a request from a user and not following a request from the merchant. However, and as admitted by the Office Action at page 4, there

is no disclosure in Koppich of the sending of the configuration profile determined to the client station operated by the user. Such a feature is also not disclosed in Dedrick. Instead, according to Dedrick, a personal profile database (27) memorizes the personal profile of users, and a content adapter (25) modifies the electronic information based on the end user's data stored in personal profile database (27). Thus, the adaptation of the electronic document is made before forwarding the document to the user. For this reason, the personal profile of Dedrick cannot be considered as a configuration profile which is received on the client's computer to define an operating mode of the peripheral.

In addition, the personal profile of Dedrick is memorized on a remote computer and is not sent to the client computer as featured in amended Claim 1. Instead, the profile is used in a remote computer (content adapter) to modify the electronic document before forwarding this document to the client.

In light of the deficiencies of Koppich and Dedrick as discussed above, Applicants submit that amended independent Claim 1 is now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests same.

Amended independent Claims 21, 23, 24, 26, 28, 29, 30, 33 and 34 are directed to devices that implement the method of Claim 1 and further include various other features. Accordingly, Applicants submit that Claims 21, 23, 24, 26, 28, 29, 30, 33 and 34 are now also in condition for allowance for at least the same reasons as Claim 1 and respectfully request same.

The other pending claims in this application are dependent from the independent claims discussed above and are therefore believed allowable for at least the same reasons. However, as each dependent claim is also deemed to define an additional

aspect of the invention, individual consideration of each dependent claim on its own merits is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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